

FREIGHT BY RIO TO COME BACK.

Evening Meetings Will Not be Allowed for Some Time.

PETITION FROM TOBACCO DEALERS

Natives at Kunaui Supplied With Water by Health Board—Official Statement of the Cholera—No New Cases Since September 28th—A Letter.

A meeting of the Board of Health was held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. About twenty-five persons were present.

President Smith said that there were only a very few matters to be brought before the Board. The matter of allowing the Rio de Janeiro freight taken to San Francisco to be brought back and landed at this port was discussed first. A letter written on September 19th, by the agents of the P. M. S. S. Co., in San Francisco to H. Hackfeld & Co., was read. The cargo of the Rio de Janeiro had been thoroughly fumigated upon arrival at San Francisco. No reason was apparent why the freight could not be returned to Honolulu. Messrs. Hackfeld & Co. were anxious to have an answer, so as to be able to send information by the Australia to the agents in San Francisco.

T. F. Lansing's motion that the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. be allowed to return the freight of the Rio de Janeiro to this port, provided it be accompanied by a certificate of fumigation and the mode of fumigation used was carried unanimously.

President Smith was given permission by the Board of Health to appoint G. W. R. King an agent of the Board of Health.

There was considerable discussion indulged in regarding the holding of evening meetings of any kind. It was finally decided to wait a while longer before raising the restriction.

A petition from several tobacco-dealers of the city was read by President Smith. They wished to obtain permission to ship tobacco and cigars. They could see no danger of shipping their goods in original packages from their warehouses in Honolulu.

The matter was laid over until later, as it was the opinion of the majority of the Board that matters with regard to freight should not be rushed.

It was decided to supply with water the natives of Kunaui who had been deprived of their source of water by the action of the Board in tabuing Kunaui spring after the case of cholera at the Insane Asylum.

OFFICIAL CHOLERA STATEMENT.

The first defined case of Asiatic cholera appeared at Iwilei, in the suburbs of Honolulu on the 18th of August. Between that date and the 18th of September there were in all eighty-five cases. Since the 18th of September there have been but two cases—one on September 27th and one on the 28th. Since the 28th no new case has appeared.

Of the 87 cases, 52 were reported soon after taken sick, 19 when dying, and 16 after death. In all there were 82 deaths.

The nationalities of those affected with cholera were: 76 Hawaiians, 4 part Hawaiians, 3 Americans, 2 Portuguese, 1 Chinese and 1 Japanese.

Efficient measures were promptly enforced, and the progress of the disease arrested.

The disease is believed to have been brought from Japan by passengers on the S. S. Belgic, which arrived here August 29th.

LETTER FROM COLBURN.

The following letter from J. F. Colburn to President Smith of the Board of Health was read at a meeting of that body Monday afternoon:

In view of the fact that lately, fish, crabs, shrimps, etc., have been taken from the Nuuanu stream, at present contaminated, and Palua (w.) has lost her life through it, and further there seems to be an inclination on the part of some Hawaiians to take and eat this kind of food whenever the opportunity offers, regardless of the danger of such fish, etc., from contaminated water, it seems to me that some measure should be adopted whereby the suffering of the Hawaiians for the want of fish can be alleviated.

Fish and other products of the sea, we all know, are the chief food of a very large percentage of the Hawaiian people, and to deprive them of it for so long a period as has been the case under the existing regulation, is undoubtedly a hardship to them. Never before I suppose, since the advent of man upon these shores, has such a tabu been proclaimed, and enforced as at present.

I respectfully submit to the honorable body of which you are President, that so long as such close restrictions are kept up, on what is undoubtedly the chief food of the Hawaiians, and the condition of their stomachs create such an appetite for the food they have been brought up on, just so long will they take fish, etc., from the first and most convenient places in spite of the results it may bring forth and our

conditions, the presence of cholera will continue for an indefinite period of time.

I respectfully submit that a modification should at once be made in the regulation governing the taking of the products of the sea. Almost the entire supply of fish, etc., of the Honolulu people comes from Maunaloa to Kalaheola (Barber's Point), including the Pearl Lochs of Ewa, and the fish ponds in that district. This stretch of water is covered by the regulation in force, consequently the channel for furnishing fish to the public is closed. The question then arises, is all this water contaminated—are all the fish in the different districts infected, including the fish locked up in the ponds? If so, the quarantine is perfectly proper, if not, then our safety lies in having fish caught from uninfected districts, and placed upon the market so that Hawaiians can reach them, and the danger of their partaking of it from the Nuuanu stream and adjacent waters averted.

Cannot fish from different districts and more especially ponds be examined by our medical men, and if pronounced uninfected, that sale be allowed; if so, then I further contend that the permission should not be abused, that is, the Board of Health should appoint one or more faithful agents to grant to each person or company, desiring to fish, a permit to do so, naming the date, hour and locality, and giving to such persons a certificate that the fish were caught at such a time and in a certain locality. Record to be kept of all permits granted and certificates given; the object of all this, to insure the sale at the present time of all fish and other products of the sea in as fresh a condition as possible, and in case of any sickness in the future from it, the same can be traced to the locality where the fish came from.

To show the necessity of fish: Yesterday I had occasion to be informed that a certain person had been sick for quite a while, and the doctor attending the patient advised procuring fish and feeding her on it, to assist in bringing back the usual conditions of the stomach, that was used to a fish diet.

Before closing, I would like to inform you and the Board of Health that I am the owner of a large fish pond at Ewa, and that my writing this letter to you and advocating the modification of the present regulation is not because of my personal desire to press the sale of my fish, because I can assure you that, if it was necessary for the common good not to allow me to sell any, and thereby others could do so safely, with a view of satisfying the Hawaiians' appetite, I would most willingly accept the situation and waive my right so to do. I remain, Very respectfully yours, JOHN F. COLBURN.

THE OCTOBER "PARADISE."

Pretty Pictures and Interesting Stories in Current Number.

The October number of "The Paradise of the Pacific" was issued yesterday; the current number is printed on coated paper, making the pictures show up sharp and clear. The new "dress" of type appears to better advantage also. While the "Paradise" is always a model of neatness in a typographical way, the present number excels any previous issues.

There are four pretty half-tone pictures: Coffee Plantation; A Landing on Hawaii; A Scene on the Oahu Railway and an excellent picture of the new high school. The reading columns contain much interesting reading matter on various Hawaiian subjects.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Pomaikalani Passes Away After a Short Illness.

Pomaikalani, sister of Dowager Queen Kapiolani, died at her home in Kalihi valley shortly before 6 o'clock last evening, after a few minutes' illness. At 6 o'clock a telephone message to the Board of Health office stated that a woman in Kalihi was dying under very suspicious circumstances. Dr. Wayson was dispatched to the scene. Arriving at the house designated it was found that the person spoken of was Pomaikalani. She was dead when the doctor reached the place, having expired a few minutes earlier. Her body was still warm. Inquiry showed that the woman had been sitting in a chair when pains in the chest attacked her. She was put to bed and expired in a short time. Pomaikalani had been suffering with paralysis for a long time, but her death was attributed to heart failure.

Largest Mail Sent.

The Australia took the largest mail that has been sent from this port during the present year, and perhaps the largest that has ever been sent out of the postoffice of this city. Although the average mail taken by steamers to the Coast is between five and six thousand letters, yesterday's mail by the Australia consisted of 12,304 letters and 4,933 papers.

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CHLORINE BY HERMITE SYSTEM.

Electrolysis of Sea Water by Means of Electric Current.

LIQUID IS A SURE GERM-KILLER.

Manufacture of the Disinfectant Commenced Yesterday by Hawaiian Electric Company—Odor is Perceptible After Four or Five Days.

With the development of cholera in the city has arisen the question of disinfectants, more forcibly perhaps than at any time in the past. The matter of efficiency has, of course, been followed by that of cost. Much attention has been given the subject by professional men here. The first, and what seems to be a very good scheme, has just been inaugurated by the Hawaiian Electric Company. It is known as the Hermite system.

The so-called system is based upon the electrolysis of sea water. By means of an electric current passed through the water the chloride of magnesium is decomposed, while the chloride of sodium serves as a conductor. The result is a liquid disinfectant of great power, which is almost odorless, and leaves no residuum when used for purposes of flushing. It is absolutely inoffensive. It is said that the solid matters in sewage are consumed or dissolved in this liquid, leaving an odorless fluid, incapable of fermentation, and containing only a few phosphates, the salts of ammonia and the salts of the disinfectant itself.

The action of the disinfectant on germ life is peculiar. In an address delivered at the Hotel de Ville, Havre, on the sanitation of the city, Andre Dubose, the eminent savant, gave a very clear explanation of the way in which microbes are destroyed by the Hermite liquid. He said: "Microbes may be divided into two great classes—anaerobic organisms, which exist without air, and aerobic organisms, requiring air to live. On the anaerobes, or microbes, living without air, the action of the compound of chlorine is simple, as the freeing of its oxygen causes their instant death, inasmuch, as in presence of that gas in excess, as their name indicates, they cannot exist. The fatty principles, particularly abundant in sewage matters, are specially concerned; the oxygen is absorbed, the volatile fatty acids liberated, and these undergo so strong an oxidation that they often result in the appearance of formic acid. The equilibrium of the chemical medium of the microbe being thus destroyed, it perishes as an individual would perish after swallowing vitriol or inhaling sulphurous acid gas."

The Hawaiian Electric Company started yesterday to manufacture, or produce, this disinfectant, which is said to be such a good one. An ordinary watering cart, such as is used for sprinkling the streets, was filled with salt water and a current of electricity allowed to pass through it. After five or six hours, it is said, the water will be charged with chlorine so that the odor is quite perceptible. Even when the odor cannot be detected, it is said the liquid is a sure germ-killer. The chlorine is present in the nascent state.

Small quantities of the new disinfectant have already been made here. Dr. Smith tested it and thought the liquid a good one for disinfecting purposes. It may be said that the application of the system would have the advantage of saving a large proportion of the water usually employed in the flushing of soil and drain pipes, as well as the much larger quantity used in flushing sewers and washing gutters. It can be conveyed into houses, and the contents of water closets, after being treated with the disinfectant, will help to purify the main drains and sewers.

The disinfectant is thought to be a very valuable one, and particularly applicable to this country, where there is an abundance of salt water to be obtained at all times. In the experiments that have been made here the disinfectant has given good satisfaction.

TWO SMUGGLERS ARE DROWNED

How Jim Harvey and His Partner Lost Their Lives

Story Told by a Chinaman Who Knew All About Their Secret Trip.

Some months ago the Times published a small item stating that two well known Victoria smugglers had been drowned off the coast of Hawaii. At the time it was impossible to obtain any information, those who knew all about the matter being as dumb as clams when the subject was mentioned. However, these matters cannot remain secret forever, says the Victoria (B. C.) Times of Sept. 22d. Among passengers from Honolulu by the Warrimoo, which arrived here several weeks ago, was a Chinaman who probably knows more about smugglers and their ways than any other man in Victoria. He tells the story of how Jim Harvey and his partner Bill—nobody ever knew his other name—together with a kanaka, were drowned. The Chinaman, Bill and Jim had been partners in many schemes to defraud the United States and other national revenues. For years the three lived together in a house adjoining the rice mills, and many a night they crossed the Straits together, besides having made trips in larger vessels, such as the Halcyon. All sorts of inducements were offered the Chinaman to divulge some of the secrets of the gang, but all to no avail. As he said, "As long as Jim and Bill lived he would tell nothing; but now they can't get into any more trouble."

It was over the cargo of "dope" taken to Honolulu by a B. C. schooner that the two old smugglers and their Kanaka diver lost their lives. The schooner left a northern river with a cargo of salmon, but it was generally known that mixed up with the salmon was a lot of opium. Just before reaching Honolulu this opium was cached in the sea about ten miles from shore and twenty-five miles from port. Jim and Bill had been waiting in Honolulu for a long while for the schooner, and when she did arrive they were out of money. As he had done many times before, the Chinaman advanced them money with which to buy a boat. This was early in March. One evening about 7 o'clock, Harvey, Bill and a Kanaka diver left Honolulu harbor in the small boat intending to go out and get the cached opium. They were warned that the boat was not safe, but they were men who knew no fear and laughed at the fears of their friends. They had not been gone long, however, when a terrible gale sprang up which lasted all that night and for most of the following day. The Chinaman, fearing that his two friends had come to grief, started out to look for them as soon as the storm subsided. He could find no signs of them, and although he remained in Honolulu for four months he heard nothing more of them. Pieces of their boat were picked up along the coast, which confirmed the fear that they perished shortly after leaving Honolulu.

It was suggested to the Chinaman that perhaps Jim and Bill had secured the opium and made off with it, but he would not listen to any such suggestions. Jim, he was sure, would not rob him of his share of the proceeds, and besides he was sure that after the men had been drowned others went out and got the opium. In fact he says a man after the accident bought a boat for \$700, and after securing the opium made the former owner a present of the vessel.

"Me and Bill," as Harvey and his partner were known, were perhaps two of the best known smugglers on the coast, and although not as well known the Chinaman who tells of their deaths, was their partner in most of the many schemes in which they have taken part during the past ten years. The white men had been together for upwards of twenty years, and had an interest in most of the big trips made on this coast, including those made by the celebrated Halcyon. They did the actual work while the men most heard of did the buying at Victoria, and selling after the opium reached its destination.

Most of the men designated as smugglers have known for a long time that Harvey and his partner were drowned, but like men of their kind they are not given to talking about their exploits, even after all has blown over.



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